IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1   1.   (original) A method, comprising the steps of:

2   receiving, with a client, data from a network in a distributed system;

3   specifying with said client a minimum length of time during which the received

4   data is to be temporarily stored; and

5   storing temporarily at least a portion of the received data.

1   2.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the received data is stored in a

2   memory space accessible by the client as cache.

1   3.   (original) A method according to claim 2, wherein said received data is stored in a

2   non-volatile memory.

1   4.   (original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the receiving step is via the

2   Internet.

1   5.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving step comprises

2   retrieving data of a Web page.

1   6.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the temporarily stored data

2   comprises data in text, graphics, sound, video, or applet format.

1   7.   (original) A method according to claim 1, further including the step of

2   designating, with said client, that the received data be temporarily stored, wherein the

3   designating step includes a step of presenting a user with a window for user input.

1   8.   (original) A method according to claim 7, wherein the specifying step is carried

2   out by a user in real time.

1   9.   (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of reading

2   an instruction provided with the received data, wherein the instruction indicates that the

3   received data should be temporarily stored.

1   10.   (original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of deleting

2   the data after the specified minimum length of time.

1   11.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data is a first Web page

2   containing a hyperlink to a second Web page and the storing step includes storing data of

3   the second Web page.

1   12.   (currently amended) A method, comprising the step steps of:

2   browsing at a client in order to locate Web page data;

3   at said client, entering a user specified time;

4   storing said Web page data temporarily in a cache; and

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5   after said ~~for a~~ user specified time period, deleting said Web page data from said

6   cache.

1   13.   (currently amended) A method according to claim 12, wherein said data is stored

2   to conserve cache storage space and to ensure that the user may retrieve the data within

3   the user-~~selected~~ specified time period.

1   14.   (currently amended) A client, comprising:

2   a central processing unit;

3   an input device coupled to said central processing unit;

4   an output device coupled to said central processing unit; and

5   a memory space operatively coupled to said central processing unit for storing

6   data,

7   the client being configured to temporarily store data downloaded from a network

8   for a user specified minimum period of time, after which period of time the stored data is

9   subject to automatic deletion, said user specified minimum period of time specified by

10   entry made at said input device.

1   15.   (original) A client according to claim 14, wherein the memory space is a cache

2   memory space.

1   16.   (original) A client according to claim 14, wherein the memory space is a

2   nonvolatile memory.

1   17.   (original) A client according to claim 14, wherein the client is further configured

2   to respond to a user request to display information about the stored data.

1   18.   (original) A client according to claim 17, wherein the client is further configured

2   to respond to a user request to modify a property of the stored data.

1   19.   (original) A client according to claim 14, wherein the stored data is data from one

2   or more Web site images.

1   20.   (currently amended) A system, comprising:

2   a client configured to temporarily store data received from a server for a user-

3   specified minimum period of time, to provide user access when said data is not available

4   from said server,

5   said client being further configured to delete said data after expiration of said user-

6   specified minimum period of time, to recover memory space over time, said user-specified

7   minimum period of time specified being specified at the client.

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